

Wilderness Characteristics Inventory (Public)

FORM 1

Documentation of BLM Wilderness Characteristics Inventory Findings on Record

1. Is there existing BLM wilderness characteristics inventory information on all or part of the area?

No _____ (Go to Form 2) Yes X (If yes, and if more than one area is within the area, list the unique identifiers for those areas.):

a. Inventory Source: 1979 Wilderness Inventory

b. Inventory Area Unique Identifier (s): CDCA 332

c. Map Name (s)/Number(s): California Desert Wilderness Inventory – South Half 1979

d. BLM District (s)/Field Office (s): CDD/PSSCFO

2. BLM Inventory Findings on Record:

Existing inventory information regarding wilderness characteristics (if more than one BLM inventory area is associated with the area, list each and answer each question individually for each inventory area):

Inventory Source: 1979 Wilderness Inventory

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FORM 2

Current Conditions: Presence or Absence of Wilderness Characteristics

Area Unique Identifier CDCA 1332-1 Acreage 17,550

(If the inventory area consists of subunits, list the acreage of each and evaluate separately).

In completing steps (1) – (5), use additional space as necessary.

(1) Is the area of sufficient size? (If the area meets one of the exceptions to the size criterion, check "Yes" and describe the exception in the space provided below),

Yes _____ No X

Note: If "No" is checked, the area does not have wilderness characteristics; check "N/A" for the remaining questions below.

Description (describe the boundaries of the area—wilderness inventory roads, property lines, etc.):

The unit is bounded on the northwest by a transmission line corridor and access road; to the northeast and southwest, by maintained dirt roads; and, to the northeast, by Hwy 177. The unit contains Private and Public Land, as well as many Northern and Eastern (NECO) designated routes and primitive ways, which run in all directions throughout this unit. This unit does not have 5,000 contiguous acres.

(2) Does the area appear to be natural?

Yes _____ No _____ N/A X

Note: If "No" is checked, the area does not have wilderness characteristics; check "N/A" for the remaining questions below.

Description (include land ownership, location, topography, vegetation, and summary of major human uses/activities):

(3) Does the area (or the remainder of the area if a portion has been excluded due to unnaturalness and the remaining is of sufficient size) have outstanding opportunities for solitude?

Yes _____ No _____ N/A X

Description (describe the area's outstanding opportunities for solitude):

(4) Does the area (or the remainder of the area if a portion has been excluded due to unnaturalness and the remaining is of sufficient size) have outstanding opportunities for primitive and unconfined recreation?

Yes _____ No _____ N/A X

Note: If "No" is checked for both 3 and 4, the area does not have wilderness characteristics; check "N/A" for question 5.

Description (describe the area's outstanding opportunities for primitive and unconfined recreation):

(5) Does the area have supplemental values (ecological, geological, or other features of scientific, educational, scenic or historical value)?

Yes _____

No _____

N/A X

Description:

(Add description here)

Summary of Analysis*

Area Unique Identifier: CDCA 1332-1

Summary

This area does not contain 5,000 contiguous acres of Public Land and is not of sufficient size as the lands contain Private, and Public ownership as well as numerous Northern and Eastern (NECO) designated routes and primitive ways, which run in all directions throughout this unit. This unit does not meet the size requirements of wilderness characteristics.

Results of analysis:

1. Does the area meet any of the size requirements? ☐ Yes ☒ No
2. Does the area appear to be natural? ☐ Yes ☒ No
3. Does the area offer outstanding opportunities for solitude or a primitive and unconfined type of recreation?
☐ Yes ☒ No
4. Does the area have supplemental values? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Check one:

☐ The area, or a portion of the area, has wilderness characteristics and is identified as Land with Wilderness Characteristics (LWC)

☒ The area does not have wilderness characteristics.

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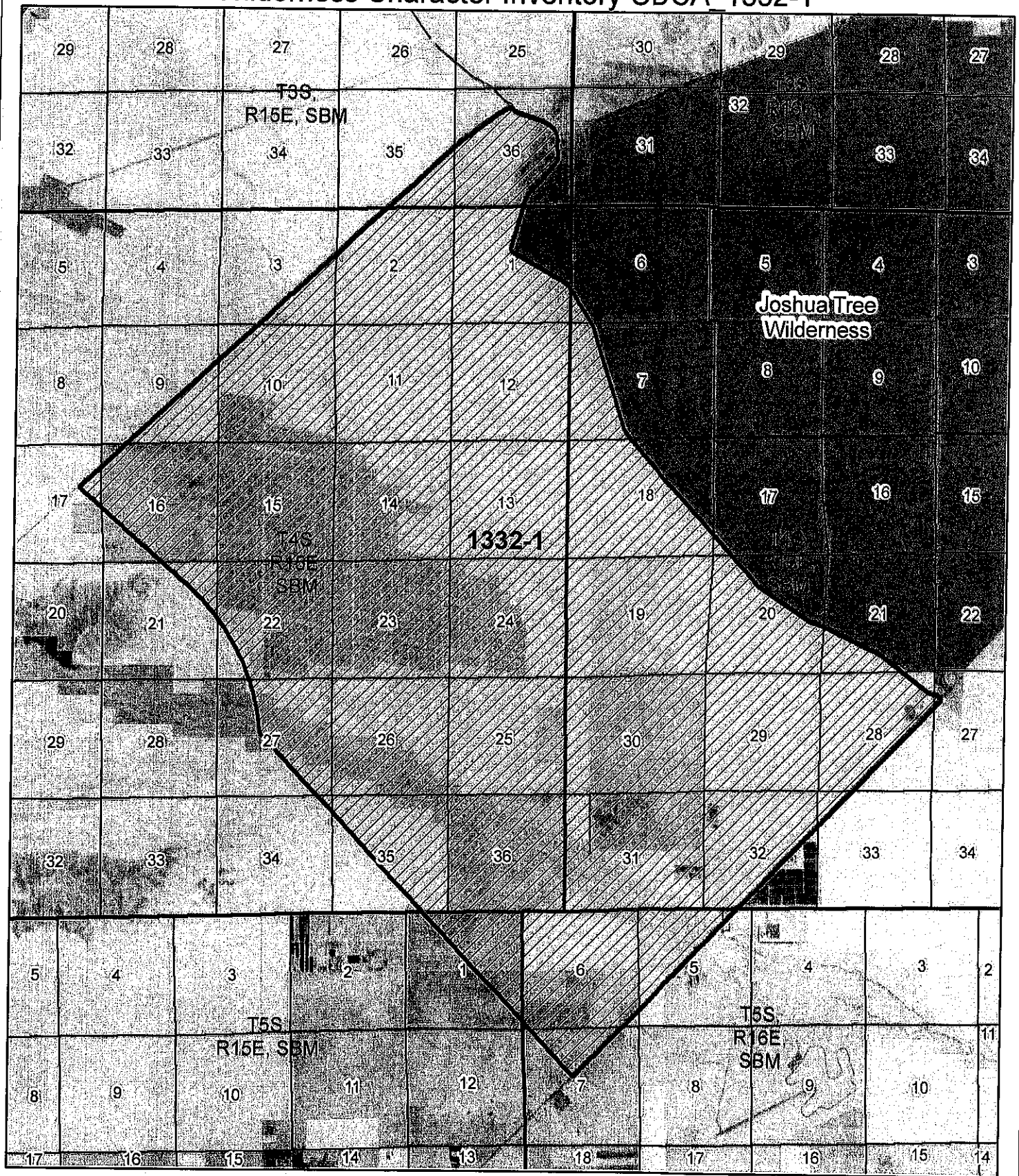
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Date: 1/15/16

*This form documents information that constitutes and inventory finding on wilderness characteristics. It does not represent a formal land use allocation or a final agency decision subject to administrative remedies under either 43 CFR or 1610.5-3

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Legend

Wilderness Inventory Units

Federal Wilderness Surface Management

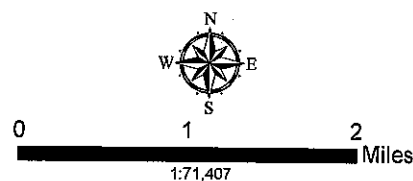
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- Bureau of Land Management
- US Forest Service
- National Park Service
- US Fish and Wildlife Service

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- Bureau of Land Management
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- National Park Service
- Fish and Wildlife Service
- Bureau of Reclamation
- Bureau of Indian Affairs
- Department of Defense
- Other Federal
- State
- Local Government



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VI. SUMMARY OF PUBLIC COMMENTS

Comments agreed with the findings.

AREA 331

I. PHYSICAL BOUNDARIES

This triangular-shaped area is bordered on the northeast by a maintained road; on the south, by Interstate 10; and, on the northwest, by Highway 177.

II. LAND OWNERSHIP

The area is approximately 50 percent public lands, with non-public holdings in a block in the northern one-half.

III. DESCRIPTION OF ENVIRONMENT

This area is relatively flat and includes creosote and some ironwood vegetation. Much of the western portion is in private land ownership.

IV. NATURAL CONDITION

Man's work is substantially noticeable within this area, especially on the large portion of privately-owned lands which includes buildings, roads, and an airport.

V. OUTSTANDING OPPORTUNITIES FOR SOLITUDE OR A PRIMITIVE AND UNCONFINED TYPE OF RECREATION

Opportunities for solitude or a primitive and unconfined type of recreation are limited due to the confining nature of the area and inability of topographic features to screen visitors from one another.

VI. SUMMARY OF PUBLIC COMMENTS

All comments received agreed with the findings.

AREA 332

I. PHYSICAL BOUNDARIES

This area is bounded on the northwest by a transmission line corridor and access road; to the northeast and southwest, by maintained roads; and, to the northeast, by Highway 177.

II. LAND OWNERSHIP

The boundaries include approximately six sections of non-public land which are scattered throughout and account for approximately 20 percent of the land area.

III. DESCRIPTION OF ENVIRONMENT

This area is a relatively flat, sparsely vegetated alluvial wash. Topographic features are notably absent, and vegetation is primarily creosote.

IV. NATURAL CONDITION

The natural appearance of the land appears to have been affected primarily by the forces of nature. Man's works are substantially unnoticeable, with the exception of primitive ways which do not alter the natural appearance of the land.

V. OUTSTANDING OPPORTUNITIES FOR SOLITUDE OR A PRIMITIVE AND UNCONFINED TYPE OF RECREATION

Due to the relatively small size, uniformity and sparseness of vegetation, and lack of topographic relief, natural screening of visitors from one another is restricted; thus, both outstanding opportunities for solitude or a primitive and unconfined type of recreation are lacking.

VI. SUMMARY OF PUBLIC COMMENTS

Comments received agreed with the findings.

AREA 332A

I. PHYSICAL BOUNDARIES

This small triangular-shaped area is bordered on the southeast by Highway 177; on the west, by the Kaiser Eagle Mountain Mine Road; and, on the northeast, by a maintained road connecting the Desert Center-Rice Road and the Kaiser Road.

II. LAND OWNERSHIP

The boundaries include approximately six sections of non-public land which are uniformly distributed throughout the site and account for approximately 40 percent of the land area.

III. DESCRIPTION OF ENVIRONMENT

This area is a relatively flat bajada with little topographic relief and some scattered Ironwood Trees and creosote. Some private land ownership is included.

IV. NATURAL CONDITION

Permanent improvements, human habitation, vehicle ways, and some development reduce the natural appearance.

V. OUTSTANDING OPPORTUNITIES FOR SOLITUDE OR A PRIMITIVE AND UNCONFINED TYPE OF RECREATION

Opportunities for solitude or a primitive and unconfined type of recreation are severely restricted due to the relatively small size of this roadless area as well as the absence of terrain variety to screen visitors from one another.

VI. SUMMARY OF PUBLIC COMMENTS

The comments received were opposed to wilderness designation for this area.

AREA 333

I. PHYSICAL BOUNDARIES

This triangular-shaped area is bounded on the west by an industrial railroad and maintained dirt road; to the east by a paved road providing access to the Eagle Mountain Mine; and, to the south by Interstate 10.

II. LAND OWNERSHIP

The boundaries include approximately two scattered sections of non-public land, which account for approximately 10 percent of the land area.

III. DESCRIPTION OF ENVIRONMENT

This area is a flat, broad bajada of the Eagle Mountains, with very little topographic relief. The area is sparsely vegetated, primarily with Creosote Bush Scrub. The narrow, elongated southwest portion contains extensive non-public lands as does the southeastern corner, which includes a portion of the community of Desert Center.

IV. NATURAL CONDITION

The Eagle Mountain dump, located 4.2 miles north of I-10 along R2, and the northern one-third of the area is heavily impacted by man. Except for these portions, and those in non-public land ownership, the area consists of undeveloped public land, without permanent improvements or human habitation.